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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: EXIM VISIT TO ZAIRE

REF: KINSHASA 8492

1. APPRECIATE YOUR REFTEL WHICH CLARIFIES SITUATION.
EXIMBANK DECISION TO POSTPONE LENTZ-GABA VISIT WAS
BASED ON DISTURBING REPORTS FROM BELGIUM AND CAUTIONARY
REMARKS FROM CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, ATLANTA
RECEIVED LATE AFTERNOON OCTOBER 7.

2. EXIMBANK APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONCERN THAT MOMENTUM
ON LOAN NEGOTIATIONS BE MAINTAINED. HOWEVER MILBANK-TWEED
TEAM HAD PREVIOUS OBLIGATIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED
THEM TO DEPART KINSHASA FOR LONDON BY OCTOBER 13 AT
LATEST. THEREFORE, THEY WERE NOT RPT NOT GOING TO BE
ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETINGS WITH SAMBWA DURING
HIS PROJECTED TIME IN KINSHASA IN ANY EVENT. THEY
WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN KINSHASA OCTOBER 17 AND REMAIN
FOR ENTIRE WEEK IF NECESSARY TO COMPLETE LOAN NEGOTIATIONS.
THIS MAYBE A PREFERRABLE ARRANGEMENT.

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3. EXIMBANK DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT PRESENCE OF SAMBWA AT

NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES NECESSARY. WHAT IS REQUIRED IS ASSURANCE THAT SAMBWA HAS PROPERLY AND FULLY INSTRUCTED HIS STAFF AND OTHER GOZ AGENCIES.

4. THEREFORE, GIVEN THAT DELAY HAS ALREADY OCCURRED, EXIMBANK PROPOSES THAT TEAM ARRIVE KINSHASA OCTOBER 16 TO BE JOINED BY MILBANK-TWEED ON 17TH, AND BEGIN TECHNICAL LOAN AGREEMENT DISCUSSIONS ON 18TH.

5. EXIMBANK SORRY ABOUT DELAY AND HOPES ABOVE SCHEDULE WILL MEET ALL NEEDS. MORRISON-KNUDSEN IS AWARE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES OF URGENT NEED FOR EXIMBANK TEAM TO ARRIVE BEFORE OCTOBER 16, EXIMBANK PREPARED RECONSIDER THIS PROGRAM. ROBINSON

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